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SUBJECT: LABOR LEADER THREATENS STRIKERS

1. FIDEL VELAZQUEZ, MAXIMUM LEADER OF CONFEDERATION OF MEXICAN WORKERS (CTM), SPOKE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION WORKERS ON APRIL 11, 1975. HE MADE MANY STRONG REMARKS AGAINST EMPLOYER SECTOR, BLAMING THEM FOR HIGH PRICES AND HE INSISTED ON WAGE ADJUSTMENTS BEGINNING MAY 1975. VELAZQUEZ SAID THERE WOULD NOT BE A MASSIVE STRIKE OF CTM UNIONS UNLESS EMPLOYER SECTOR REFUSES ADJUST WAGES. (CTM CONTROLS TWO-THIRDS OF ORGANIZED LABOR.) VELAZQUEZ ALSO SAID ONLY SEVEN PERCENT OF COLLECTIVE CONTRACTS WITH CTM COME DUE IN MAY, WHICH FURTHER NEGATES CONCEPT OF GENERAL STRIKE. HOWEVER, THE CTM LEADER SAID THAT HIS UNION WOULD GIVE ITS ENTIRE SUPPORT TO ITS MEMBERS THAT HAVE DIFFICULTIES WITH EMPLOYERS. VELAZQUEZ CLAIMS 23 PERCENT COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT NECESSARY. EMPLOYER GROUPS SAY THAT 10 PERCENT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED JUST.
 2. COMMENT: CTM ENTIRELY CAPABLE OF INITIATING SERIES OF STRIKES WITH EMPLOYERS WHEN COLLECTIVE CONTRACT EXPIRES OR WHEN ONE YEAR WAGE REOPENER PERIOD ARRIVES BEGINNING MAY 1975.
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